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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/927,436; filed August 13, 2001
For: **Highly Homogeneous Molecular M**
Inventors: Tadayoni-Rebek *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5300001/RWE/ALS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
 2. Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets) and accompanying (6) references; and
 3. Return postcard.

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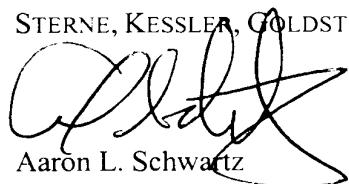
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For: **Highly Homogeneous Molecular
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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

The Examiner's attention is directed to unpublished co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/666,890, filed September 20, 2000, submitted herewith as document AT9; unpublished co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/410,176, filed April 10, 2003, submitted herewith as document AR10; and unpublished co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/369,117, filed February 20, 2003, submitted herewith as document AS10. The identification of these U.S. patent applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to this application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

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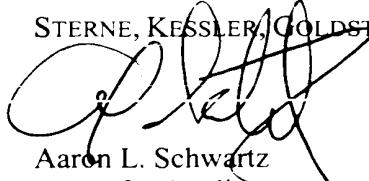
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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